

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Herewith a memo that Seymour suggested I prepare for your signature. It has been blessed by Cary, & Co. I have also arranged to raise the decision whether each future estimate should be included in the NID at the Morning Meeting table.

RL

Richard Lehman
D/DCI/NI

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski
Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Provision of National Estimates to Congress

1. I am sending you this memorandum simply to ensure that you are aware of our present arrangements with respect to the provision of the contents of National Intelligence Estimates to Congress.

2. Congressional intelligence briefings by the Agency have always been based on the applicable National Intelligence Estimates. In the early years these briefings made no specific reference to the estimates as such.* As congressional interest in intelligence has grown, we have found it necessary to revise our policy with respect to access to National Intelligence Estimates. In several instances recently (the most recent being NIE 11-3/8 and the B Team Report) National Intelligence Estimates have been made available to our oversight committees and since the advent of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, estimates have been made available to the Select Committee and the staff of the Subcommittee on Intelligence Collection, Production and Quality. Our present practice is as follows:

-- Briefings continue as before, but estimates and dissenting positions are specifically identified.

-- The key judgments of estimates are presented in the National Intelligence Daily, which is made available to the members and one or two key staff of the seven committees to which we report.

*During John McCone's tenure as Director of Central Intelligence (29 November 1961 - 28 April 1965), the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy was provided access to National Intelligence Estimates having to do with atomic energy matters. The estimates were retained in the secure facilities of the Joint Committee. This arrangement was made by Mr. McCone in view of the very precise authorities of the Joint Committee regarding access to atomic energy information as spelled out in the Atomic Energy Act.

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-- When an oversight committee requests,
the entire estimate is made available on the
same basis.

3. Under present arrangements these sensitive documents are delivered to a cleared congressional staffer each morning and returned to CIA headquarters in the evening. Thus far, this practice has proven to be secure.

4. We have made it clear to our committees that without White House approval we will not provide estimates or other intelligence papers with an immediate and explicit policy relationship. In this category are included "contingency estimates," e.g., how would the Soviets and Cubans react if the US intervened overtly in Angola in support of Savimbi? It follows that the key judgments of such estimates will be withheld from the NID.

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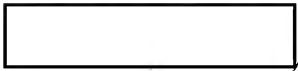
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